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Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Office is requested to acknowledge receipt of the priority document from the International Bureau as the Office Action of September 10, 2004, does not indicate the same and the Office Action of December 17, 2003, indicates that the acknowledgement of the claim for foreign priority is made and that "all" of some documents have been received. Specifically, page 2 of the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, does not include a complete statement with regard to the ticked boxes relating to receipt of the priority document. A complete Action in this regard would be appreciated.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge the acceptance of the formal drawings and/or provide a specific objection or rejection of the same.

The Examiner is also requested to return an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449, filed with an Information Disclosure Statement on September 4, 2001, to the undersigned. A copy of the same was not received with the Office Action dated

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September 10, 2004 or previously-issued Office Actions. A copy of Form PTO-1449  
filed September 4, 2001 is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of  
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Respectfully submitted,

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